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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT

REF: TEHRAN 12903

1. INTENTIONS OF GOI ON CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS AS REFLECTED
IN NOTE (REFTEL) ARE UNCLEAR TO US BECAUSE IRANIAN CON-

DITION RE ARTICLE 12 DEPARTS GREATLY FROM POSITION WE
DELINEATED DURING NOVEMBER 1976 TALKS IN WASHINGTON.
DEPARTMENT IS NOT PREPARED TO RENEW THE 1975 TEMPORARY
ARRANGEMENT IF GOI INSISTS ON CHANGES IN ARTICLE 8 DURING
1977.

2. DEPARTMENT'S POSITION WAS MADE VERY CLEAR TO DR. KAZEMI
DURING NEGOTIATIONS, BOTH ACROSS THE TABLE AND IN PRIVATE,
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AS WELL AS TO MOSHAVEGH-ZADE OF THE GOI EMBASSY IN WASHING-
TON LAST SEPTEMBER WHEN THE INITIAL PROPOSAL WAS PRESENTED,
THAT RENEWAL OF THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT MEANT THAT THERE
WOULD BE NO CHANGES IN PRESENT BILATERAL STATUS AND THAT
CURRENT PRACTICES AND PROPOSALS FOR BOTH AIRLINES'
OPERATING PLANS WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED. ALTHOUGH DEPT
ACCEDED TO THE GOI TEAM'S REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS UNDER

ARTICLE 12 FOR REVISION OF ARTICLE 8 OF THE AIR AGREEMENT

DURING THE NOVEMBER MEETING, IT WAS DONE SOLELY TO DISCUSS ALL ISSUES, AND NEVER CONSIDERED A PART OF THE PACKAGE FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT; IN FACT, IT IS ANTITHETICAL TO THE ARRANGEMENT.

3. BEFORE FORWARDING A NOTE WHICH FORMALIZES THE ABOVE POSITION, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH KAZEMI AND POINT OUT THAT EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT IS A PACKAGE WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE REVISING ARTICLE 8 BUT CONTINUES THE STATUS QUO, PARTICULARLY CURRENT PRACTICES AND PROPOSALS FOR BOTH AIRLINES' OPERATING PLANS. REVISING ARTICLE 8 WOULD NEUTRALIZE THE BENEFITS OF THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO ENTER INTO SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT ARTICLE 12 OBLIGES US TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECT OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT IF GOI INSISTS AND WE WILL ADHERE TO THE AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, GOI SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT CONTINUATION OF PAN AM'S PRESENT AND PROPOSED FREQUENCIES AND CAPACITY THROUGH 1977 IS OUR QUID PRO QUO FOR THE CONTINUATION OF DISCOUNT FARES.

5. FYI. IT SEEMS POSSIBLE TO US THAT REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 12 IN NOTE WAS INCLUDED TO SATISFY IRAN AIR. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR JUDGMENT WHETHER THIS IS FACE-SAVING DEVICE OR EFFORT TO HAVE THEIR CAKE AND EAT IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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